

# TOURNAMENT RULES

NAGVA/USAV rules apply

Line up sheets must be updated with added/removed players. Uniform numbers must be listed. The Regional Commissioners and/or Tournament Director reserve the right to charge a team a time out to make sure these are updated.

All players must be signed in on the waiver (Golden Apple only) before playing a point. Teams that do not comply may forfeit each match they played with any unsigned players. The Regional Commissioners and/or Tournament Director reserve the right to charge a team a time out to make sure waivers are signed.

All uniforms must have numbers clearly visible on the front and back. For Green Apple participants, uniforms and numbers are optional UNLESS you are using substitutions and not using a standard rotation (e.g. like Gotham Division Play).

## **POOL PLAY**

All pool play takes place on Saturday. Teams will play four matches consisting of two 25-point sets per match starting at 4-4, with a 27-point cap and two time-outs allowed per team per set.

All pool play matches will be timed by a universal clock. Consequently, matches throughout the gym will begin and end at the same time. Teams will be allowed a warm-up period before each match and allotted a specified amount of time to play both sets. Teams will be signaled at the beginning and end of each match. Teams will need to monitor their 5-minute warm up period and start play on time. The clock will not stop between the first and second set. A two-minute warning will be given toward the end of each match. After this warning, no time-outs may be taken, however, substitutions will be allowed. If play is in progress when the end-of-match signal is given, the point will be played until the ball is dead. The set may not end in a tie.

Forfeits will be strictly enforced according to Standard USA Volleyball rules if a playing team is not ready when a match is scheduled to begin. If the assigned working team is not present and ready to start a match, they will forfeit the first set of their next match, inclusive of Double Elimination rounds. The Standard USA Volleyball substitution rule will be in effect.

## **PROTESTS**

Any protest during pool play must be noted on the score sheet and someone from the work team must come inform the tournament staff. The protest committee will then convene and discuss. Any delay will forfeit the protest.

## **ELIMINATION PLAY**

### **Winner's Bracket**

All Winner's Bracket matches (including championship matches) are best two-out-of-three sets, no time limit (win by 2-points/cap at 27). The first two sets are 25-point sets starting at 4-4, and, if a third set is needed, a 15-point set starting at 0-0 will be played (win by 2 points/no cap). If, after a championship match, both teams have lost one match, one 25-point set will be played with no time limit and no cap to decide the championship.

### **Loser's Bracket**

All Loser's Bracket matches are one 25-point set starting at 0-0, no time limit (win by 2 points/no cap).

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Any protest during elimination play must be noted on the score sheet and someone from the work team must come inform the tournament staff. The protest committee will then convene and discuss. Any delay will forfeit the protest.

## **SCHEDULE**

The Site Manager and/or Tournament Director reserve the right to reschedule matches to other courts in order to keep the tournament on schedule. In the event of such rulings, teams will be given as much advance notice as possible.